

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace present claims 27, 28, 31, and 33 with the following claims 27, 28, 31, and

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27. A porous free-flowing microbial granulate formed by extrusion which consists essentially of non-disrupted dead microorganisms obtained by mechanical extrusion of a microbial biomass, the granulate having a structure that allows a solvent access, via the pores, to the dead cells to isolate or extract a compound therefrom.

72 *71* *Sub G1* 28. (Five times amended) A composition consisting essentially of granular particles of non-disrupted dead microbial cells from a biomass which particles

- (a) are obtained by granulating the biomass having a dry matter content of 25 to 80%;
- (b) have a dry matter content of at least 30% but less than 70%; and
- (c) have a structure that on drying allows isolation or extraction of a desired compound from the dead cells with a solvent through pores and/or channels.

72 31. A composition according to claim 29 or 54 wherein the granular particles or dried granules are extruded.

73 *Sub G3* 33. A composition according to claim 29 or 54 wherein the granular particles or dried granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times the diameter.

Please add new claim 54:

74 *Sub G4* 54. (New) A composition which comprises dried porous granules consisting essentially of dead microbial cells, the dried granules being obtained by drying granular particles, themselves obtained by granulating a microbial biomass, said resultant dried granules having a dry matter content of at least 80% and a structure that allows, via the pores, solvent

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access to a compound contained within the non-disrupted dead cells to isolate or extract the
compound therefrom.

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